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- 1. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE OVERTURNING BY THE COURTS OF FDA BAN ON USE OF DES IN FEED AND AS IMPLANTS WAS FDA FAILURE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE MATTER BEFORE INSTITUTING BAN. THERE IS ALSO PROBLEM RELATED TO DETERMINATION OF TISSUE RESIDUES BY ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES OTHER THAN "OFFICIAL" MOUSE UTERINE TEST.
- 2. FDA HAS NOT APPEALED COURT DECISION.
- 3. WE UNDERSTAND FDA PLANS TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH NEW "OFFICIAL" TEST FOR DETECTING TISSUE RESIDUES OF DES AND TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH AIM OF REINSTITUTING BAN ON DES AS GROWTH PROMOTANT.
- 4. OUR BEST JUDGEMENT AT THIS TIME IS THAT STEPS OUTLINED ABOVE ARE MOVING SLOWLY AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THERE COULD BE ANY FINAL ACTION BEFORE 1975. INGERSOLL UNCLASSIFIED

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